

REMARKS

Claims 40-79 are pending in the present application. By this amendment, Claims 55, 66 and 69-72 have been amended, and Claims 73-79 have been added. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. No new matter has been added.

I. REMARKS

Applicants have amended the above-identified invention to further clarify the scope of the invention. In addition, Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under separate cover and providing references directed to biometric keys.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 66 and 69-72 have been amended to refer to the feature that the signal is generated automatically upon engagement of the receptor body and the biometric key and actuation of the biometric sensor. As such, there is no requirement for the use of an auxiliary operating button or switch as are currently used in prior art teachings.

II. CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons given above, Applicants submit that Claims 40-79 define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of these claims.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Although no additional fee is believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by submission of these papers to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

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